

**CHAPTER NO. 53**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 667**

**By Representatives Maddox, Fraley, Bowers**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1714**

**By Senators Person, Cooper**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 11, Part 2, and Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to patient notices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

63-11-226

Psychologists, senior psychological examiners, and psychological examiners are not required to notify patients that were treated by them at community mental health centers, as defined in § 33-1-101, of their departure from such community mental health centers. Patient records shall remain with the community mental health centers. The transfer of patients' records shall be in compliance with standards set by state and federal law.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

63-6-238

Psychiatrists are not required to notify patients that were treated by them at community mental health centers, as defined in § 33-1-101, of their departure from such community mental health centers. Patient records shall remain with the community mental health centers. The transfer of patients' records shall be in compliance with standards set by state and federal law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 28, 2005

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR